



2022 Legislative Agenda January 2022

Requests for Direct Sponsorship

- **City Request – Public Safety Pension Reform:** Support an extended amortization period through 2060, from the current 2040 date. Support the requirement that the fund needs to be 80% funded by this date instead of 90% funded in the current law.
- **City Request – 9-1-1 Surcharge Extension:** Support an increase to the 9-1-1 surcharge to \$3.00 from the current \$1.50 and permanently establish the fee with no sunset provision.
- **City Request – Economic Development Incentives:** Support expanded economic development tools for Illinois cities that comparable states have established (such as Missouri, Indiana, Texas, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina). Tools range from job-development credits, set-aside benefits for economic development, life sciences manufacturing tax credit, etc.
- **City Request – Tax Incentives:** Support legislation that amends the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/ 18/180) to include residential rehabilitation as well as new construction being eligible for a tax abatement.
- **City Request – Land Bank Operations:** Support legislation that strengthens the abilities of Land Banks operating in Illinois which may include creating dedicated funding sources that allow Land Banks to address and remediate blighted and abandoned properties in the Community. In addition, support legislation that allows local land bank authorities to waive past due property taxes on donated properties.
- **City Request – Passenger Rail:** Support passage of a Resolution of Support for Passenger Rail connecting Peoria, as the largest metropolitan area in the state not served by passenger rail.

Funding Requests

- **City Request – Appropriations for Rebuild Illinois Authorized Projects:** Locally, over \$106 million has been authorized for almost 50 projects through Rebuild Illinois, but many haven't been appropriated. Include in the SFY2022 Budget appropriation authority for these projects.
 - Main Street (\$25 million)
 - Peoria Riverfront (\$15 million)
 - Lake Street and Gale Avenue – Peoria County (\$6 million)
 - Southside Fire Station and Community Center (\$5 million)
 - Allen Road (\$3 million)
 - MacArthur Highway (\$10 million)

- **City Request – Smart City Initiatives:** Provide funding (\$5.0M) for the City of Peoria and Distillery Labs to undertake SMART City projects such as autonomous vehicle research, smart street lighting, broadband rollout within the City of Peoria.
- **City Request – Cradle to Career:** Provide funding (\$10.0M) to ICC and Peoria Public Schools to undertake the start of the Cradle to Career Initiative. This focuses on placing great schools at the center of neighborhood revitalization efforts. Improving the educational and developmental outcomes of children and youth in the nation’s most distressed communities will transform those communities.
- **City Request – Passenger Rail:** Support funding (\$5.0M) for continued study of routes and needs for connecting Peoria into the Amtrak network.
- **City Request – Mental Health Funding:** Support the efforts of Unity Place to integrate behavioral health, addiction recovery and psychiatric residency programming into a cohesive community care center with a \$10.0M grant.
- **City Request – Co-Response Law Enforcement Model:** Provide funding (\$5.0M) to support the efforts of the Peoria Police Department to develop an integrated co-response model for persons experiencing emotional distress or a mental health crisis. By utilizing social workers integrated in juvenile and adult investigations and working with the Special Response Team, the model shifts the focus from a traditional law enforcement interaction into an interaction focused on the individual’s health and well-being.
- **City Request – Violence Reduction Programs:** Provide funding (\$5.0M) for the City of Peoria to undertake comprehensive, evidence-based violence reduction programming.

Vertical Capital Projects

- **City Request – Relocation of the State Street Post Office and Ameren Gas Facility Acquisition:** Support the acquisition and relocation of the US Post Office on State Street and the acquisition of the former Ameren gas facility on Persimmon (\$10.0M). This 27.1 acre area would extend the development of the Warehouse District and the recreational space along the Illinois River.
- **City Request - Warehouse District Parking Structure:** Support funding (\$9.0-12.0 M) for a parking deck in the Warehouse District to accommodate the parking needs of new residential units (District 1).

Horizontal Capital Projects

- **City Request - Pioneer Parkway:** Support funding (\$21.0M) for the rehabilitation of Pioneer Parkway from Knoxville to Allen Rd and the extension of Pioneer Parkway to Route 91 (District 5).
- **City Request – Allen Road:** Support funding (\$10.0M) for the rehabilitation of Allen Road from Northmoor to Willow Knolls (District 5).
- **City Request – Laramie Avenue:** Support funding (\$5.0 M) to assist in reconstructing Laramie Avenue for residential and commercial redevelopment (District 1).

- **City Request – Rte 116 Pavement Restoration:** Support funding (\$5.0 M) for IDOT to mill and overlay Lincoln and Howett from Adams to Western (District 1).
- **City Request – Springdale Cemetery Road Network:** Support funding (\$5.0 M) for improvements to the road network within Springdale Cemetery (District 3).

Request for Position Support

- **City Request – Protect State-Shared Partnership Revenue:** Oppose legislation that diverts funding from units of local government to the State, including Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) revenue, Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT) revenue, local sales tax revenue, Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) revenue and any other state-collected government revenues that enable local governments to provide appropriate levels of service to their residents. Support efforts that protect and enhance existing revenue base of local governments in the face of increasing pressure to use traditionally local revenues to bridge the State budget gap.
- **City Request – Broaden Sales Tax Base:** Taxing services (in addition to goods) would increase state and local revenues, bring Illinois in line with most other states, and allow localities to lower home rule sales tax rates on goods.
- **City Request - Preserve Home Rule Powers:** Support efforts to preserve home rule authority when drafting statewide legislation.
- **City Request – Reduce Sales Tax Administrative Fee:** Repeal the 1.5% administrative fee on locally imposed sales taxes and restore these critical funds to county and municipal governments for the direct funding of programs and services for their residents.
- **City Request – Automatic Appropriation Authority:** Annual appropriation authority is needed for MFT, video/casino gaming, Use Tax and 9-1-1 revenues to be distributed to local governments. Making these revenue sources continuing appropriations would eliminate these important local revenue sources from being dependent on the state budgeting process.
- **City Request – Grant Accountability and Transparency Act:** Exempt state shared revenues distributed by formula to units of local government (the Local Government Distributive Fund, Local Health Protection Funds, and Motor Fuel Tax Funds) from GATA.

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